



Arlington Tree Committee

Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2021

Time: 7:30pm

Location: Zoom meeting –

Minutes

Attendance: Mary Ellen Aronow, Eliza Burden, Susan Stamps, Steve Moore, Mara Vatz, Ed Trembly, Keith Schnebly. **Visitors:** Lynette Culverhouse, JoAnn Preston

1. *Approved March Meeting Minutes*
2. *DPW Tree Department Update (Tim)*
 - Tree hearing(s). None
 - Tree Bylaw activity. None
 - Spring planting -
 - i. Stored at 33 Ryder Street : 200 bareroot trees arrived early (end of March) & 20 ball/burlap (arrived Apr 14)
 - ii. Planted bareroot: Request/Answer tree requests were fulfilled; 32 trees planted in heat island zone; 36 trees planted in sites near Art 16 removals
 1. Near Art 16 removals: (2000' radius around Article 16 protected tree removals):
 2. Near Lancaster Rd, found 10 planting sites: Arnold St, Hibbert St, Williams St, Mass Ave
 3. Near Westminster Ave, found 6 planting sites
 4. Near Brunswick Rd, found 20 planting sites: Jason St, Pleasantview, Hillsdale, Norfolk Rd
 - iii. Planted Ball/burlap: In total 20 Ball/burlap trees planted in these locations: Lake Street/bike path construction, MP Cemetery, Lussiano Park, Robbins Farm (in collaboration with the Friends of RFP)
 - Plans for Arbor Day (4/30)
 - i. Tree Warden is considering options. School or cemetery for public planting participation
3. *Community Tree Canopy Program – Spring 2021 Keith/MEA)*
 - MEA reported that a purchase order went to NE Nurseries for 50 7 gal. trees [20 cornus florida, 20 Cornus alternifolia, 10 Nyssa Sylvatica (Tupelo) 'Green Gable']
 - 11 trees sold since program went live on April 10. Discussed ways to do additional publicity (Notify Google Groups, Town Meeting members, Patch, social media). MEA to forward the tree purchasing link to ATC members
 - Expansion of program could include churches, apartments, businesses, private road residents (Eliza/Steve)
 - Paper flyer certain 'heat island' neighborhoods
 - Flyer private ways (Steve)
 - Green Teams at schools; PTO at schools (Eliza)
 - Advocate (Susan)
 - ACMI last year's video (MEA)

- HighSchool (SAVE club?)
 - Patch: (Susan)
 - Arlington (email) List (Susan)
4. *Report from Subcommittee re: Expanding Tree Planting in Town*
- Planting in Neighborhoods where trees have been lost – town has planted 36 trees this spring around properties where Article 16 Protected trees were removed. Steve is going to flyer private ways with Community Canopy Program info.
 - Steve has done some apartment complex research. Will present community canopy info to those he has contact info for.
 - Arlington Housing Authority spring planting (Jo Anne/Eliza/Keith) – AHA Board approved planting 10 trees on two AHA properties (Chestnut Manor and Menotomy Manor); will order trees (source TBD). JoAnn requested final tree locations incorporate resident input.
 - Children's Room planting. Eliza has drafted a letter that could propose trees to CR
 - Back-of-sidewalk concept. ATC reached out to town re: planting on back-of-sidewalk
 - Streamlining process – check list/criteria of what planting sites makes sense.
5. *Adopt-a-Tree Program (2021 program) (MEA/EB)*
- Promote program more widely
 - Possibly design a flyer to attach to gator bags about adopting a tree (QR code) – (*Swiftly Printing* edits), Susan to coordinate with Tim for next fall planting since the tags for spring are already printed and installed with this spring's trees
 - Outreach to ACMI, schools, Patch, Town Mtg, etc
 - Yellow Ribbons – last year's ribbons need to be removed, and new ribbons attached for this year's adoptors. (MEA will form a small group to come up with a plan and discuss with Tim/AdamK)
6. *Publicity/Community Outreach*
- Website update – new site is live! www.arlingtontrees.org. ATC members were asked to visit site and give comments/edit suggestions to MEA
 - Outreach/liaisons to town orgs (ARB, ZBA, Park & Rec, Open Space, School Comm)
 - i. ARB (Susan): 190 Mass Ave discussed, Residential allowed in Industrial Zones bylaw (tree every 10 feet or a planter – At meeting, Susan recommended trees required (and planters optional)
 - ii. ZBA (Steve): 190-192 Mystic Valley Parkway – public street tree will be worked around and protected; 1165R Mass Ave (40B) -- extensive tree planting and lanscape plan and specification was presented at 4/13 meeting; 59 Mt Vernon St – extensive back-of-lot addition to develop a Tree Plan and discuss with Tim prior to permitting; Thorndike Place (Mugar land 40B) – recently published design plans to be again modified to re-add townhomes, in response to public input
 - Town Meeting handout – Susan will use Annual Report input
7. *New Business*
- *Lynette Culverhouse –Lynette explained she brought her warrant article to ARB, who voted No Action, and recommended to turn it into a study group instead of moratorium on teardowns. Lynette requested support from ATC; but ATC couldn't necessarily support this warrant article since it does not specifically address trees. Lynette will send ATC the amended motion.*

Next meeting: May 12, 2021.

Meeting adjourned: 9:15pm